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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL LEAD AND ZINC STUDY GROUP:

MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE MAY 23

REFERENCE: STATE 76247

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM SECGEN BUCK OF ILZSG IN RESPONSE TO PARA 3 OF REFTEL:

"PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT BY STANDING COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT SUB COMMITTEE ARISES OUT OF EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST FEW MONTHS. IT WOULD FORMALIZE AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS WHICH NECESSITY FORCED YOU TO TAKE DURING PAST MONTHS AND WOULD PROVIDE ESSENTIAL FUTURE GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT TO SECGEN BETWEEN MEETINGS OF STANDING COMMITTEE AND FACILITATE EFFICIENT FUNCTIONING OF SECRETARIAT IN ITS NEW LOCATION.

AS PROPOSAL IS ONLY ONE OF MANY VARIANTS, BUCK WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF IT WITH YOU IN ADVANCE OF IT BEING CONSIDERED MORE FORMALLY BY STANDING COMMITTEE".

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2. TEXT OF PAPER DESCRIBING PROPOSED SUB-COMMITTEE FOLLOWS:-

"ESTABLISHMENT OF A MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

JURIDICIAL STEPS TO ESTABLISH A MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

1) UNDER RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STUDY GROUP (LZ/58,

13 NOVEMBER 1964) RULE 29 PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDING COMMITTEE WHICH "SHALL ADOPT ITS OWN RULES OF PROCEDURE ..." RULE 30 STATES THAT "THE STANDING COMMITTEE SHALL KEEP THE LEAD AND ZINC SITUATION CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW AND MAKE SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GROUP AS IT MAY DEEM ADVISABLE. IT SHALL CARRY OUT SUCH OTHER TASKS AS MAY BE DELEGATED TO IT BY THE GROUP. IN ADDITION, IT SHALL EXERCISE APPROPRIATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WORK OF THE SECRETARIAT, PREPARATION OF A DRAFT BUDGET AND OTHER FINANCIAL ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 12".

II) RULE 31 STATES THAT "THE GROUP MAY ESTABLISH SUCH OTHER COMMITTEES OR BODIES AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE ON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS IT MAY DETERMINE".

III) UNDER RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE (LZ/11, ANNEX B, 9 SEPTEMBER 1960) RULE 9 "FUNCTIONS" ARTICULATES THE POWERS HANDLED TO IT BY THE STUDY GROUP'S RULE 30 REFERRED TO ABOVE. RULE 19 STATES THAT "THE COMMITTEE MAY ESTABLISH SUCH SUB-COMMITTEES AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE IN SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS IT MAY DECIDE.

IV) THE FOREGOING INDICATES THAT A MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE COULD BE FORMED EITHER AS A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OR AS A COMMITTEE OF THE STUDY GROUP. IF ITS FUNCTIONS ARE TO BE CONFINED TO THOSE GIVEN TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE AND ITS ROLE IS TO BE ESSENTIALLY ONE OF FACILITATING THE WORK OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

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THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE THE ESSENTIAL NEED) THEN LOGIC  
WOULD SUGGEST THAT A MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE BE FORMED  
AS A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE UNDER RULE  
19 OF ITS RULES OF PROCEDURE.

POSSIBLE COMPOSITION OF A MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE.

V) ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE'S  
ROLE WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY ONE OF FACILITATING THE WORK  
OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE BETWEEN FORMAL MEETINGS, A  
POSSIBLE COMPOSITION FOR THE MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE  
COULD BE THE FOLLOWING STANDING COMMITTEE OFFICERS (OR  
THEIR LONDON BASED REPRESENTATIVES):

CHAIRMAN

VICE CHAIRMAN

FINANCE OFFICER

PLUS SECRETARY GENERAL.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE STUDY GROUP (OR HIS LONDON BASED  
REPRESENTATIVE) COULD APPROPRIATELY BE AN EX-OFFICIO  
MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE.

HOW THE MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MIGHT FUNCTION.

VI) THE MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE WOULD ACT ON BEHALF OF  
THE STANDING COMMITTEE BETWEEN FORMAL MEETINGS OF THE  
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THE STANDING COMMITTEE. IN PARTICULAR, IT WOULD COM-  
PRISE A SMALL DECISION-ORIENTED MANAGEMENT GROUP WHICH  
THE SECRETARY GENERAL COULD CONSULT ON OPERATIONAL,  
ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL MATTERS. THE SUB-COMMITTEE  
WOULD MEET ON THE CALL OF ITS CHAIRMAN OR OF ANY MEMBER  
OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE OR IF THE SECRETARY GENERAL DEEMED  
THAT ITS MEETING WOULD FACILITATE THE CONSIDERATION OF  
IMPORTANT STANDING COMMITTEE MATTERS.

WHAT POWERS MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE MIGHT HAVE.

THE MANAGEMENT SUB-COMMITTEE, REPRESENTING THE STANDING  
COMMITTEE COULD HAVE DECISION-MAKING POWER RELATED TO  
THOSE MATTERS WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE STANDING  
COMMITTEE. DECISIONS WOULD BE TAKEN IN THE LIGHT OF  
THE SUB-COMMITTEE'S JUDGEMENT AS TO WHETHER THE DECISI-  
ONS WOULD BE THOSE TAKEN BY, OR SUPPORTED BY, THE  
STANDING COMMITTEE ITSELF."

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